

Atty. Ref.: F04-018US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : KOIKE, Tohru
KAWASAKI, Akihiko
KOBASHI, Tatsuhiko
TAKAHAGI, Makoto

International Appl. No. : PCT/JP2004/015347

U.S. Patent Appl. No. : 10/575,714

International Filing Date : 12, October 2003

For : METHOD FOR MEASURING A SURFACE
PLASMON RESONANCE AND NOBLE
METAL COMPOUND USED FOR THE SAME

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

MS PCT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
on July 24, 2007

Hilda A. Abreu
Hilda A. Abreu

MS PCT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

The above-identified U.S. patent application corresponds to European Appl. No. 04 773 797.8. A Supplementary Search Report was issued by the European Patent Office on July 11, 2007 and a copy of that Supplementary European Search Report is attached. The European Searcher identified two nonpatent publications as being relevant and one published European patent application. The European reference is assigned to the assignee of the subject invention. Additionally, the annex to the European Search Report indicates that European reference corresponds to Published U.S. Patent Appl. Pub. No. 2004/0198712.

This Information Disclosure Statement includes a copy of Form PTO-1449 that identifies the two nonpatent publications cited on the Supplementary European Search Report, the published European application cited in the Supplementary European Search Report and the U.S. equivalent of the European reference. Copies of the nonpatent publications and the European reference are attached as well. The Examiner is requested to consider these references during the examination and to make the references of record.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald E. Hespos", is written over the typed name.

Gerald E. Hespos, Esq.

Atty. Reg. No. 30,066

Customer No. 001218

CASELLA & HESPOS LLP

274 Madison Avenue - Suite 1703

New York, NY 10016

Tel. (212) 725-2450

Fax (212) 725-2452

Date: July 24, 2007